Unlike the comet's condering flight. Unlike the star that comes at noon, This great star of a single night. Has no berrowed rays like the moon.

Leading the wise men from afar, To behold the Bule at their feet. And to see the bright morning star

The fixed clanets did palely burn And the constellations showe dim, Fees and clouds vanished in their turn; The guiding star stood over Him.

Light of the world, our hope to be, Star of Bethlehem shining true; Star of our faith we look to thee To made in whatever we do: Edw. E. Shoufler;

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Notice to Stockholders of the South-

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A meeting of the stockholders of

he Southview Land Company, Alma,

clock, in the Economy Shoe Store,

ocated at No. 106-108 East Superior

street, Alma, Michigan, for the pur-

oose of electing directors for the en

suing year, and for the transaction

of such other business as may come

S. L. Bennett,

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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I will be at the Ithaca National Bank on Thursdays-Dec. 8, 15, 22,

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lovernor, Alex J. Groesbeck, salary, \$5,000:
Lieut. Gov., Thomas Read, salary, \$800.00:
Secretary of State, Charles J. Deland, salary, \$2500.00: State Treas, Frank E. Gorman, salary, \$2500.00: Auditor Gen. Oramel B. Fuller, salary \$2500.00: Attorney Gen., Mertin Wiley, salary \$5000.00: Supt. of Public Instruction. Thomas E. Johnson, salary, \$4000.00: State Highway Com., Frank F. Rogers, salary \$7500.00: Senator of District, Aaron Amon, salary \$800.00: Senator of District, Aaron Amon, salary \$800.00: Representative of District, David G. Locke, salary \$7000.00: Joseph B. Moore, Joseph H. Steers, Howard Weist, Grant Fellows, John W. Stone, Geo. M. Clark, John E. Bird, Nelson Sharp.

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John C. Chiek, Treas.

Acting Secretary.

Dated December 14, 1921.

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THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

There is an old saying, so old and so universally true that it is found in the Bible, which reads as follows: "The poor ye have always with you." Evidently this state of affairs has existed from the beginning of the world, due sometimes to one cause, sometimes to another. Sickness, business failure, misfortunes of all sorts have always brought about this condition through all the countries of the world. And the City of Alma cannot hope to be any exception to this general world rule, and has not been.

Recognizing this need, a certain part of the work of relief in cases of misfortune has been delegated to a County official. But there has always remained much suffering caused by temporary reverses of one kind or another which cannot be reached through the County organization. Previous to last year this work was that way. In the report of the secredone in a more or less effective way by the Salvation Army and through various church organizations. But the results obtained, good as they were, were always far from satisfactory owing to the fact that this method of dealing with the situation always lacked system and hence some people were given a double or treble portion of assistance while others, perhaps even more needy, were over-looked entirely. Knowing this to be the case, it was determined last year that a more effective organization was greatly needed in this city, hence the Welfare Association came into being. Something of the scope and nature of the work accomplished by this organization during the last year may be easily determined by an examination of the annual report of the executive secretary, Mrs. Fuller, which appears in full in this issue of The Alma Record.

The work this year promises to be even more extensive than that of last year. For one thing the organization is now complete and ready for business at an earlier date than last fall. For another, the continued industrial depression which has affected all minor accounts, represent burdens di parts of the country has made the immediate need greater this rectly traceable to the war, to past year than last. The Welfare Association is now thoroughly or- wars or to preparedness for future wars. These figures serve to indicate ganized to cover the entire city and ready to work. Their plan the direction which sincere efforts to is effective for investigating committees are now at work and all reduce the cost of the government aid is given only upon the recommendation of these committees. Then I found Mr. Gilbert, the under Therefore all the money expended is wisely and judiciously used, secretary of the treasury, saying: and made to cover all the territory possible. Anyone knowing There has been much alle talk to the effect that the excessive cost of govern of temporary need should report such cases immediately to the ment is due to mefficiency and extrava chairman of the investigating committee of his or her ward and without doubt there has been waste an the matter will be given immediate attention.

The funds for the use of this organization were last year sup- can be accomplished, and has alread plied in large part from the surplus remaining from the Red Cross Fund. This year there is no such reserve source to draw from and the amount needed, which is roughly estimated at from \$1500 to \$2000 will have to be raised in some other way. A considerable part of this amount will doubtess be raised by subscription, the details of the plan of which will be announced later. Everyone cent of the total annual expenditure who is asked to contribute, and we will all be asked, for the problem concerns us all, may feel assured that the money so donated will be wisely, systematically, economically and well expended for a most worthy cause. Indiscriminate charity is never desirable. Excession went for the army and next and the Welfare Association was organized to avoid that very thing and to put in its place, systematic aid to all who are in real need through any deserving cause.

Authorized lists of needy people who will receive Christmas baskets this year may be found at the City Hall by application to a the executive secretary, Mrs. Fuller, who may be found in the Welfare rooms each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from two to six o'clock and all organizations interested in aiding in this work are urged to get their lists from that source in order that the city may be systematically covered and that no one may be omitted or over supplied.

DEPRAVED POPULAR MUSIC

There seems to be a well settled opinion that modern popular lag to keep the world safe for demomusic is a misnomer. A good deal of it is nothing more than a discordant noise, out of harmony with the better things of life, war is to be prepared for war. out of tune with common decency and not in accord with the best American ideals. Oftimes the words of the popular songs are anything but poetic and are rather decidedly suggestive of the ways of the underworld.

There is beginning to be noted, however, a general awakening upon the part of the public to the dangers of this situation, the menace to our manners and morals. The Detroit Free Press, in a recent editorial, voices that sentiment as follows:

"Only one compelled through press of professional duties to listen to the cauterwaulings of the jazzists and syncopaters and blueists who inflict themselves upon the public at every turn can fully appreciate the statement of Mrs. Max Obendorfer, of Chicago, before the Detroit Federation of Women's clubs, that the popular music of today is undermining the morals of young America.

As an exhibit extraordinary of absolute inanity the average "popular" song easily qualifies. Even if having the exceptional good fortune to be set to a tune that has the saving grace of tinkling, the lyrics (a once worthy term that has been reduced to a level where it no longer means anything) are usually without rhyme or reason, beginning nowhere and progressing backward. If this was the the limit it would not be so bad. Instead of stopping here, professional panders to popular plaudits have seen fit to inject sentiments that if given expression elsewhere would be resented as an open insult. One who has any regard for the proprieties that are supposed to be still observed to a considerable extent must feel aggrieved, if not positively shocked, to hear some female of the species descant on how to avoid the necessity of walking home from a party, or some misrepresentative of the opposite sex detail the methods of subduing a girl in a taxi. And not the least regrettable feature of this is the fact that such breaches of common decency are hailed with wild acclaim by adolescent as well as those old enough, if not otherwise qualified, to know better.

It seems almost incredible that a nation which produced a Stephen Foster, a Julia Ward Howe, an Ethelbert Nevin, an Edward MacDowell, should give itself over to tuneless trash in which suggestiveness is the keynote, yet such is the case, as even the casual observor must agree. Little wonder that those whose concern is in the better aspects of art and literature and music deplore the situation, and urge the necessity of concerted action that America, which spends more in this direction than any other nation, may cultivate an appreciation of good music that will lift ation of any kind. Phone 252 for a us from the depths and enable worthwhile composers to obtain the livery. Daley's Feed Store.—adverrecognition which is their just due.

Where Your Taxes Go

How Uncle Sam Spends Your Money in Conducting Your Business

By EDWARD G. LOWRY

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WARS EAT UP THE TAXES

When I set out to discover for you where the money you pay as federal taxes goes I did not have far to look. prospective. Last year a little over 90 per cent of the national income went tary of the treasury submitted to congress in December, 1920, he remarks: An analysis of government expenditures ly treasury statements, develops the striking fact that of the net ordinary dis-bursements of \$6,400,000,000 about 90 per dlowing heads:

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Interest on the public dent. ... 1,000,000,000 War-risk Insurance Purchase of federal farm-loan

Substantially all the expenditures share of the expenditures on variou

pariments and establishments, and mi plication and unnecessary work. It must \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000 by careful and so

of the government are related to war about \$6,000,000,000, about 549 billions reresonted expenditures directly traceath to the war, to past wars, or to prepare

I sought details. If more than 90 per cent of the entire disbursements of 1920 went for past and prospective wars, how much had we been spend argument that the best way to prevent ords and found that year by year, from 1834 to 1919 inclusive, the trens ury department had kept an accounof the actual disbursements-not appropriations, mind you, but actual money expended-of the War depart ment, the Navy department and for pensions. When I got all the figures

before me I couldn't add them up In the bureau of internal revenu you that from 1834 to and through 1919 the War Department actually dis bursed \$23,002,390,008.65. In the same period the Navy Department spent \$6,907,369,032,84; and pensioners of

The Cabinet

Arranged in order of presidential succession:
See'y State. Charles E. Hughes, N. Y.;
Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, Pa.; War,
John W. Weeks, Mass.; Atty-Gen., Harry
M. Daugherty, Ohio; Postmaster-Gen., Will
H. Hays, Ind.; See'y Navy, Edwin Demby,
Mich.; Interior, Albert P. Fall, N. Mex.;
Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, Iowa; Commerce, Herbert C. Heover, Calif.; Labor,
James J. Davis; Pa. Salary of each \$12,000.
The Supreme Court
Chief Justice, William Howard Taft, salary 215,000. Associate Justices, salary,
\$14,500 cach; Jos McKernaa, Calif., (Rep.);
Oliver W. Holmes, Mass., (Rep.); Wm. R.
Day, Ohio, (Rep.); Willis VanDeventer,
Wyo., (Rep.); Mahlon Pitney, N. J.,
(Rep.); James McReynolds, Tonn., (Dem.);
Louis D. Brandeis, Mass., (Dem.); John H.
Clarke, Ohio. (Dem.)

Michigan Government
Governor, Alex, J. Groesbeck, salary, \$5,000; past wars got \$5,634,079,694.23. That is a thundering total of \$29. 909,759,041,49 for the army and navy alone, leaving out of account the

\$5,634,079,694.23 for pensions. I will let you decide whether any part of the twenty-nine billion dollars spent for preparedness and for war prevented our going to war or found us prepared when we went to war. The three items I have enumerated are only ribs of the skeleton of the cost of war preparation and activity. I have not been able to excavate any other detail figures. But it is known that the war of 1812 cost about \$133.

The cost of the Mexican war is estimated to have been \$63,005,621. The total cost of the Civil war, tak-

ing the period from June 30, 1861, to June 30, 1866, may be figured closely at \$3,500,000,000. The treasury in the winter of 1920

21 estimated in a report sent to congress through the secretary that the \$1500; cost of the World war to us to that date had been \$24,100,000,000, exclusive of our loans to the allies and other foreign nations.

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Not the polar stars' steadfast glow, Nor the dim lights of man's device. Not the flash of the meteor low. Could o'er Bethlehem's plain suffice. In quiet bours of sucred night, No falling star or burning sun Could shine with radiant hope so bright As the star of the Holy One.

O give thanks unto the God of Gods; for his mercy endureth for-

To him who alone doeth great wonders, for his mercy endureth forever. To him that by wisdom made the

above the waters; for his mercy en-

his mercy endureth forever.

The sun to rule by day, for his mercy endureth forever. The moon and stars to rule by

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> SATURDAY DUSTIN FARNUM

-in-"THE PRIMAL LAW" Mermaid Comedy

SUNDAY and MONDAY NORMA TALMADGE

"The Sign on the Door" · Christie Comedy

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY MONTE BLUE

"THE JUCKLINS"

Travelog Kinograms

THURSDAY and FRIDAY THOMAS MEIGHAN

"The City of Silent Men"

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THURSDAY NIGHT

SCRIPTURE Psalms 136: 1-9

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for-

heavens: for his mercy endureth for-

To him that stretched out the earth dureth forever.

To him that made great lights, For

night, for his mercy endureth forever.

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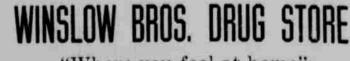
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